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INSIST ON HAVING THE BEE.

Gone, but not forgotten—the legislature.

Governor Holcomb still has time to file a few pungent veto messages with the secretary of state.

If Mr. Bailey refrains from writing a book he may yet succeed in becoming the recognized leader of the democracy.

The prompt confirmation of Theodore Roosevelt as assistant secretary of the navy must have surprised a few of his enemies.

Nothing but an emergency of unprecedented dimensions would justify the reviving of the late legislature by a call for an extra session.

The Kansas legislature seems determined not to let the Nebraska legislature get ahead of it, even on corruption and bribery sensations.

Rhode Island elected a republican governor last week by a noteworthy plurality, but no one would learn much about it by reading the Brynati papers.

The attitude of the federal courts toward the Castron Pipe trust will tend to lessen the number of castron cinches at present enjoyed by trusts in general.

It seems to be very poor consolation for St. Louis democrats in their slough of despond over ignominious defeat to know that Chicago democrats came out on top.

J. Sterling Morton may be no longer at the head of the Department of Agriculture, but he will be the patron saint of Arbor day so long as the tree-planting holiday is observed.

The people of the flooded Red river district who insist that they are able to take care of themselves and decline government assistance deserve credit for their courageous self-reliance.

Greater New York will have about 1,100 churches within its municipal boundaries. It would not sound well, however, to mention the number of saloons it will possess in a voice above a hoarse whisper.

Fears are expressed that the Italian product may drive American canned tomatoes out of the Italian market. This unfair competition ought to be stopped even if the United States has to put an embargo on spaghetti to do it.

If the dispatches are to be accepted, the belief is growing in Europe that the concert of powers is a failure. The success or failure of concert, however, must depend on the audience, especially when the audience has friends in the east.

Senator Howell might be a good man to extend the glad hand to members of the gambling fraternity, but what kind of a figure would he cut if he tried to welcome delegations of visitors to the city during the Transmississippi Exposition?

Members of the house seem to have grown indignant because the question is propounded in one of the magazines: "Has the senate degenerated?" Can it be that the lower branch of congress lays claim to a monopoly of legislative degeneracy?

When Johnny Thompson heads an uprising of the municipal reform element of the republican party and fruitfully appeals to all true Americans to follow his lead we always suspect that Winesap is close behind, whispering words of patriotic cheer to Johnny.

Nebraska will have a new anti-trust law on its statute book as the result of the session of the legislature just adjourned. Anti-trust laws, however, cannot be made self-executing. Everything will depend upon the officials whose duty it is to see that the new law is enforced.

## WILL THEY ENDORSE HOWELL?

You can fool all the people some times, you can fool some people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time. That truism applies forcibly to Edward E. Howell, fusillat candidate for mayor.

It is a piece of sublime effrontery for Mr. Howell to present himself to the citizens of Omaha and demand at their hands the highest honor they can bestow upon any one of their fellow citizens. True, Howell has been honored and trusted in the past, but what right has any man with the disgraceful record he has made in the legislature to ask an endorsement that would proclaim to all the world, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

To honor Edward E. Howell with the position of mayor would mean to dishonor Omaha and put a premium upon duplicity and disloyalty to the best interests of this community. To endorse Howell would mean to endorse the plot by which the majority of our citizens who elected J. H. Evans were disfranchised and robbed of their choice. To honor Edward E. Howell with the responsible position of chief executive of this city and present him as our foremost citizen to the hundreds of thousands of guests whom Omaha will entertain during the Transmississippi Exposition, would not only make every self-respecting citizen hang his head in shame, but would crown the brow of dastardly treachery with the laurels due to loyal devotion.

It is altogether too much to expect the people of Omaha to forget the utterly inexcusable performances of Senator Uriah Heep Howell and his late ego, Senator Frank Ransom. It will take years of time before our citizens will forget the scandalous conduct of their representatives in the legislature of 1907. It is simply incredible that men whom this city had entrusted with its most important interests in a critical period of its history should have wilfully and deliberately violated their most sacred pledges and purposely held back the aid which Omaha was hoping and praying for to carry on the work of the exposition so that it will not be available until next fall. It is amazing that any representative of Omaha should enter into a plot to gratify his own ambition at the expense of the city and especially the wage workers who are anxious to find employment in the construction of the exposition buildings.

A man elected by workmen to represent workmen who conspires to deprive them of the only chance of employment that offered itself at this time, worthy of their support for the highest office within the gift of the city? Is a man who to gratify his personal ambition will stoop to all kinds of jugglery and play fast and loose with the vital concerns of his city and state, entitled to an endorsement? If so, The Bee mistakes the temper of this community.

## A COMMANDING QUESTION.

President McKinley did not overstate the importance of the question of restoring the American merchant marine when he said that few subjects so imperatively demand the intelligent consideration of congress. Those who appreciate the commanding importance of this question are taking steps to have it given the attention it merits. During the past week a number of gentlemen interested in the promotion of American shipping were in conference with members of the senate committee on commerce, the purpose being to formulate a plan which would meet with the approval of the various interests. Heretofore in efforts that have been made to obtain legislation on this subject there has been lack of concert of action and the movement now started looks to devising a measure that will receive support from all the interests.

The bill of Senator Elkins, which provides for discriminating duties and in advocacy of which the author of the measure made a strong speech in the senate last Monday, appears not to be acceptable to those who represent the shipping interest. The objection to it is that its enactment would abrogate existing commercial treaties and so able an authority as ex-Senator Edmunds has expressed a doubt as to the wisdom of entering upon a plan which would involve such radical changes in commercial laws and usages. There are still other reasons for questioning the wisdom of discriminating duties, for while that policy did promote the building up of a merchant marine a century ago everybody understands that conditions are very different now. There is, however, hardly a possibility of the bill of Senator Elkins becoming law and some other plan for the restoration of American shipping will have to be found—a plan in harmony with modern conditions, which will not contravene any treaty and which will not invite retaliation.

As was said by Mr. Cramp, the celebrated shipbuilder, in an address to the members of the senate committee on commerce, no nation can either own or build ships when unprotected and unprotected, it is brought in competition with other nations where there is protection and encouragement. This is the existing condition of the shipbuilding and shipshipping interests of the United States and "the resulting fact is," said Mr. Cramp, "that the enormous revenue represented by the freight and passenger tolls on our commerce and travel is constantly drained out of this country into British, German and French pockets, in the order named, but mainly British, while the vast industrial increment represented by the necessary shipbuilding inures almost wholly to Great Britain." Mr. Cramp expressed the opinion that this drain is the principal cause of our existing financial condition and this seems plausible when it is stated that the amount of this drain annually is estimated to be not less than \$200,000,000, for the foreign shipowner who carries our over-sea commerce makes us pay the freight both ways—that is to say, for our exports we get the

foreign market price less the freight, while for our imports we pay the foreign market price plus the freight.

There is no question that our complete dependence upon foreign shipowners is both costly and a serious drawback to our commercial progress. No agency could be so potent for enlarging our trade as an adequate merchant marine and it is hardly possible that we shall ever attain such supremacy in the commercial world as ought to be ours until we are independent of the foreign shipowners. How that independence shall be acquired is a problem for the wisest statesmanship to solve.

## IGNORANT SLANDERERS OF NEBRASKA.

The only palliation for the slanderous story which appears in the current number of McClure's Magazine from the pen of Octave Thanet and portrays Nebraska as a place unfit for the habitation of man, is that its author writes wholly in ignorance of the state and people she is slandering. While the hardships encountered by the hardy pioneers who have broken in the borderland of civilization in the western states doubtless afford exciting incidents well adapted for the foundation of works of fiction, the literary production referred to overreaches itself in its exaggerations which to every intelligent mind contravert themselves.

When the characters, after having been located in Nebraska, are made to say that "this isn't a living country" and that "it's not meant to live in," and readers are told how it is to ride "through miles and miles of farming country" where the "smoke is not coming out of one farmhouse chimney in six," the wantonness of the attack upon the good name and credit of the state is apparent on the very face. When the author goes on to describe the people of Nebraska as living under "laws made to skin the poor man" and tries to stir up sectional strife by asserting that every one "hates the east," a vigorous rebuke is demanded to such monstrous perversion of the facts.

Nebraska may have suffered occasional misfortunes of drought, but today, when congress is appropriating money for the relief of flood victims in many southern states, the Nebraska farmer sees in front of him the encouraging vista of bountiful crops and realizes that he has at his command conditions assuring permanent prosperity to be found in no other state in the union. Nebraska is itself the best answer to the slanders of Nebraska.

## DANIEL W. VOORHEES.

Among democratic leaders of the last quarter of a century the late Daniel W. Voorhees was prominent. He did not distinguish himself as a statesman, though in his long congressional career his name was identified more or less conspicuously with the discussion of all public questions, but he was an earnest and aggressive partisan and as a politician exerted a great deal of influence, particularly in Indiana, whose democracy held him in high esteem. Mr. Voorhees had oratorical ability of a kind that makes popularity with the masses and to this in no small degree his success was due. There have been few democratic leaders who could defend their party principles with greater vigor and eloquence than Mr. Voorhees. The dark chapter in his record was his friendliness toward the south during the war and the unquestionable fact that he did what he could to weaken the union cause. This was set forth and put in imperishable form by ex-Senator Ingalls in one of the most scathing speeches ever heard in congress. As a public man Mr. Voorhees was never, we believe, charged with any course or conduct not strictly honorable and he was respected by those in political opposition to him as a sincere and honest adversary—a relentless partisan, but one who earnestly believed in all he advocated. He did not greatly impress himself upon the history of his time, but undoubtedly his memory will be cherished by the democracy of Indiana along with that of Hendricks and other notable leaders of the party in that state.

## GERMAN'S PROTEST.

The German government has filed a note of protest against the differential sugar duties in the pending tariff bill, on the ground that they infringe treaty rights. It seems that the German agrarians have been thoroughly aroused by the proposed duties and the pressure they brought to bear on the government led it to make a formal protest. There is said to be a veiled threat of retaliation in the note. It indicates a determination on the part of the German government to increase the duties upon such articles coming from the United States, principally of an agricultural character, as under the favored nation clause now bear lighter duties than are imposed upon similar articles imported from countries to which this favoring discrimination does not apply. A Berlin dispatch says there can be no doubt that the government will follow up an aggressive policy against American merchandise now imported into Germany. The matter is said to be regarded by both the state department and members of the senate committee on finance as highly important.

It is to be presumed that the possibility of a protest by the German government was considered by the majority of the ways and means committee in a speech in the house of representatives explanatory of the tariff bill. Mr. Hopkins, a member of the ways and means committee, said that provision had been made in the reciprocity portion of the bill that only 92 per cent of the sugar duty shall be collected from countries exporting sugar to the United States that enter into reciprocal agreements with this country, "and we believe," he said, speaking for the republican members of the committee, "that will be a sufficient inducement to the German government to reopen her markets for all of the products of our farms and factories." It is now seen that this was a mistaken view, that Germany does not care anything about the 8 per cent reduction in the sugar duty which she could obtain through a reciprocity agreement, and that instead of there being

any likelihood of her entering into more friendly commercial arrangements with the United States, in the event of the differential duties being retained, she will increase the discriminations against American products. This would mean a further loss of trade in that quarter amounting to many millions of dollars annually.

## THE FOREST RESERVES.

President McKinley very properly decided to take no action in regard to revoking or modifying the order of his predecessor, setting apart forest reservations embracing over 21,000,000 acres, until congress shall have an opportunity to legislate on the subject. If congress shall authorize the president to act in the matter all doubt as to the legality of such action will be removed. It appears from the statement of Secretary Bliss that it is the opinion of the administration that something should be done and with as little delay as possible. He says the reservations work a hardship to the people and that prompt relief should be given them.

The reservations are thirteen in number and are located in South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Idaho, Washington and California. They are covered with timber and important streams take their rise in all of them. The primary purpose in setting apart these tracts is to protect the headwaters of the streams, thus averting both floods and droughts, but those who want a modification of President Cleveland's order urge that this protection can be secured without going as far as that order does. There is no question as to the desirability of preserving from destruction the timber on the public lands, but the policy adopted for this purpose should be practical and work the least possible hardship to the people affected.

Germany pays a bounty of 27 cents a hundred pounds on raw sugar and 54 cents a hundred pounds on refined when exported. The differential of which that country is to offset this bounty and is necessary to protect American sugar interests. The claim of the German government that it is an infringement of treaty rights may be well-founded, but it is to be given needed protection to our own sugar industry we cannot dispense with the differential duties.

## EXPANDING TRADE.

American steel rails for England and American steel bridges for Japan—really, a protectionist country can do a little, after all, in the way of foreign trade.

## MANIFESTATION OF CONFIDENCE.

The run of sap from the maples of northern New England has been large almost beyond precedent during the past week or two, and an unusual harvest of sugar will be gathered.

## THE ROAD TO WEALTH.

This is a good time of the year to improve the roads, and the section which does the most of it will grow most rapidly in values. Road making of the right sort is wealth making.

## OPTICAL ILLUSIONS.

It is to be hoped that when the air ship is built, the inhabitants will be able to go Omaha, San Francisco and the rest of them one better, and at least see two machines, if they cannot see something original.

## CALIFORNIA AND THE EXPOSITION.

Southern California has begun making arrangements for an exhibit at the Omaha Exposition, and the example is worth imitation in other parts of the state. The exhibit will be one of the most important ever held in the union, and it is none too early to prepare for it in order that our display may be worthy California and better than that of any other state.

## THE POPULAR HAVEN.

The attempt of German statesmen to check emigration to the United States in favor of German colonies grove from a well-founded conviction that the United States is more popular to emigrants from the old world than the colonies of the mother countries. Ninety per cent of the German emigrants for the last six years have come to the United States in preference to all other countries. Even England sent but 29 per cent of her emigrants to Canada and Australia during the same period.

## GETTING RICH QUICK.

People that put money into the hands of strangers without credentials, to be "invested" a thousand miles away by a firm or company about which they know nothing, under the expectation that they are going to win every week as much as the yearly interest on their money, if invested in bonds or mortgages, ought not to be surprised when "the bottom falls out." Really some general laws and principles do exist in financial operations as well as in other things. Fortunes are not to be made by trusting instincts, but by careful study and investigation. We have not the slightest sympathy with people that go into such schemes any more than we have with people that yield to the wiles of bunco-steers, or that purchase gold bricks, or that let themselves be swindled in any of the easy, old ways.

## LIVE IN THE OPEN AIR.

Get Out and Breathe the Healthgiving Open Air. In the spring a young man's fancy doesn't always turn to thoughts of love—at least not so exclusively. Just now, when the warm sunshine lures every one from the fireside and the bracing air urges a walk over the hills and through the fields where the first green shoots are peeping above the ground, the thoughts that most fill the minds of the young are of out-door life. Spring games and open-air athletics will soon be in season, and every one rejoices in their coming.

The open air is assuredly the best place in which to live. And while our climate compels us to seek shelter in houses for half the year, we should make the most of the out-door life during the other six months. The term athletics does not necessarily embrace simply the special games that can be played only by those who have acquired sufficient skill. It includes every form of out-door exercise. And the mistake should never be made that athletics in this broad sense is the hobby of man or woman alone. The athletic contends successfully because he is a healthy man, and so athletics is really exercise as to make the body men. And in this sense well-regulated out-door exercise is most of all important for the weak and unhealthy, who by this means may build up their physical frame anew.

## SLANDERING NEBRASKA.

## Fictional Writer Called Down for Misstatements.

In that excellent magazine, McClure's Monthly, a story appears in the April number which will certainly arouse a storm of indignation on the part of the Nebraska people who are transforming Nebraska from a treeless prairie into one of the most prosperous states of the union with magnificent groves, orchards, mills and factories, comfortable farm houses, extensive stock ranges and thrifty villages, towns and cities. The story is a romance founded upon the present fact, entitled "The Spellbinder," describes the state as in the last stages of decay and desolation, crops are a failure, the people are starving, the land is a waste, and the people are being driven from the state by the lack of food that their bones protrude, and they beg of those of poison with which to kill their dogs to prevent their starvation. The face of the earth covered with mortgages and farmers—those who have not been driven to suicide by their mortgages—occupied wholly and solely with the laying of plans to murder the men who loaned money and took their mortgages as security—western bloodsuckers, and the people are being driven from the state by the lack of food that their bones protrude, and they beg of those of poison with which to kill their dogs to prevent their starvation. The face of the earth covered with mortgages and farmers—those who have not been driven to suicide by their mortgages—occupied wholly and solely with the laying of plans to murder the men who loaned money and took their mortgages as security—western bloodsuckers, and the people are being driven from the state by the lack of food that their bones protrude, and they beg of those of poison with which to kill their dogs to prevent their starvation. 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